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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby request an extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003. This two (2) month extension will extend the due date from November 13, 2003 to January 13, 2004. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the extension fee of \$420 to our Deposit Account No. 19-2179. Please also charge this deposit account for any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

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